

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, before the first full paragraph and after the title, please insert the following new heading:

**--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

**1) Field of the Invention--**

Page 1, before the second full paragraph beginning with "Such filling machines are known...", please insert the following new heading:

**--2) Description of Related Art--**

On page 2, before the third full paragraph beginning with "This object is achieved...", please insert the following new heading:

**--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--**

On page 5, before the second full paragraph beginning with "The present invention is described..." please insert the following new heading:

**--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--**

On page 6, before the fourth full paragraph which begins with "Fig. 1 schematically shows the design...", please insert the following new section heading:

**--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--**